IASC PRINCIPALS AD HOC MEETING

SUDAN

10 April 2014

**Final Action Points**

***Summary of Discussions:***

*The IASC discussed the humanitarian situation in Sudan. The Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC) highlighted the main challenges faced by the HCT and the Chair of the Emergency Directors briefed the meeting on the Emergency Directors’ mission to Sudan in March (cf. report). The Chair facilitated a discussion focused on what more could be done to address the complex challenges faced in Sudan.*

*Participants noted the sharp deterioration in the humanitarian and human rights situation in Darfur and agreed that Sudan was slipping from the international radar. Malnutrition rates are of great concern as are worrisome food security indicators and rising food prices. The operating environment continues to be highly complex, in conjunction with communication challenges between partners and the Government and within the humanitarian community itself.*

*There is a need for humanitarian partners to overcome rising frustration, rebuild trust and come together around a common vision for Sudan. This vision must be set out by the HCT. Key messages from the HCT are required to inform sustained advocacy at multiple levels in support of resource mobilization and expansion of operating space. On the issue of a common vision, the RC/HC noted that a process of revision of the Strategic Response Plan had been launched. Participants welcomed this and the deployment of a Senior Transformative Agenda Implementation Team as a result of the recent mission of the Emergency Directors. There was concern about the capacity and lack of access of UNAMID to effectively protect civilians given the increase in human rights violations, including gender-based violence.*

*The HC described the situation as close to an L3 crisis. Participants felt that the declaration of an L3 would not necessarily trigger better access or better funding and thought that the current level of access would make it difficult to deliver the L3 type of response required.*

***Action Points:***

1. *Request the HCT to continue with the planned revision of the Strategic Response Plan, setting a clear common vision for humanitarian action in Sudan based on mounting challenges in Darfur and in relation to the influx of South Sudanese, taking into account the broader context and relationships with neighbouring countries.* ***Action by****: HCT by 31 May.*
2. *Request the HCT to develop common key messages to inform public and private advocacy on resource mobilization, protection, including on the need to prevent and respond to violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, and expansion of operational space.* ***Action by:*** *HCT by 30 April*
3. *Request the HCT to develop a new advocacy action plan including diplomatic engagement with influential Member States and public messaging, incorporating key milestones.* ***Action by:*** *HCT by 31 May*
4. *Request the HCT to implement the recommendations of the EDG mission including by working closely with the STAIT.* ***Action by:*** *the RC/HC to report to the EDG by end of July.*
5. *Request OCHA, the RC/HC and the INGO community to further enhance coordination and communication to improve the dialogue and overcome issues that are hampering collaboration and information-sharing in Sudan in an inclusive and collaborative manner.* ***Action by****: OCHA and the RC/HC by end of May.*
6. *Explore the option of appointing a Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for Sudan or for Darfur exclusively.* ***Action by:*** *ERC by June 2014.*
7. *Express support for UNFPA in light of the recent expulsion of their country representative.* ***Action by:*** *IASC organizations.*

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